

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
March 13, 2002

**Northern States Power Company
March 2002
Purchased Gas Adjustment**

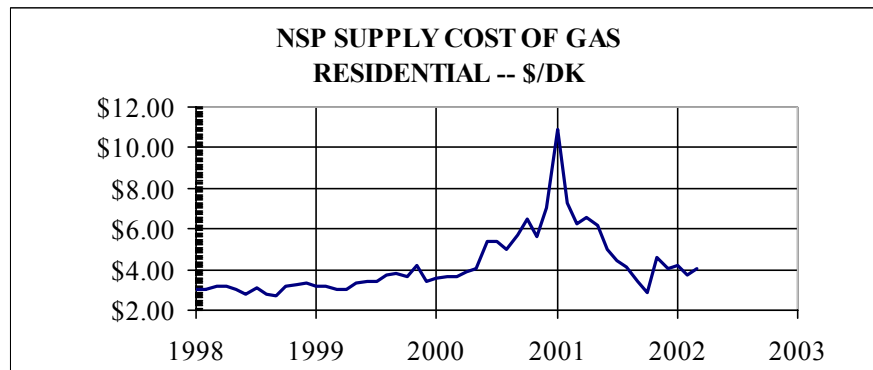
**PU-400-02-85
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SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL:

In this filing, NSP is increasing the cost of gas adjustment by \$.3234 per dK for gas used on and after March 2, 2002. This changes the current residential customer cost of gas adjustment from \$3.7492 per dK to \$4.0726 per dK.

The increase for residential customers results from a \$.3227 per dK increase in the commodity cost of gas and a \$.0007 per dK increase in the demand cost of gas.

The increase in supplier price is attributed to recent cold weather, strong national storage withdrawals over the past month, increase in demand due to improving economic conditions, and a decrease in the number of active natural gas drilling rigs. The increase in demand cost is attributed to small increases in various pipeline surcharges.



This change in cost of gas increases the bill by \$3.49 for a residential customer with usage of 10.8 dK in March.

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Energy Information Administration (EIA) provides various publications on energy issues. The information is available on the EIA website: <http://www.eia.doe.gov>.

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I move the Commission approve Northern States Power Company's March 2002 purchased gas adjustment, Case No. PU-400-02-85.

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